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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Chairman Kopp and Authority Members      **Date:** June 26, 2009  
**From:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 11 – Disability Access Committee

### **Discussion:**

At the June meeting, Chairman Kopp directed staff to consider the creation of a Disability Access Committee as suggested in a letter from the California Society for the Blind dated May 28, 2009.

### **Recommendation:**

Notwithstanding the Authority's adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, a Disability Access Committee may have a contribution to make in the form of recommendations at the time the Authority and its contractors are beginning the process of designing station areas, access to the trains from station platforms, and the interior of trains. There will be other factors which will also need to be considered during such design. Consequently, Authority staff recommends the Board evaluate the creation of a Disability Access Committee as part of a larger strategic plan for the project and the various committees that may be recommended and pursued. The issue and scope of Disability Access should be addressed at that time.

If creation of a Disability Access Committee is deemed advisable, the committee should be established at the beginning of the design process.